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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/765,139	Applicant(s) YAMAZAKI ET AL.
Examiner C. Melissa Koslow	Art Unit 1755	

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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 November 2005.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-3 and 5-10 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 7 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1-3, 5, 6 and 8-10 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____

This action is in response to applicants' amendment of 28 November 2005. The newly filed oath is acceptable and has overcome the defective oath objection. The amendment to the specification has overcome the objection to the specification. The amendments to the claims have overcome the 35 USC 112 rejection, the obviousness-type double patenting rejection and the 35 USC 102(b) rejections. The provided translation of the priority document has overcome the 35 USC 102(e) rejections.

Claim 7 is withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 2 June 2005.

This application contains claim 7 drawn to an invention nonelected without traverse. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: The amended definition of y is not as clear as the wording of the definition given in original claim 1. It is suggested to use the original wording. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 10 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

This claim teaches applying the paint to a substrate. This step does not further limit the process of making the paint since it is directed to the paint's intended use.

Claim 5 and 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 5 recites the limitation "the dispersion media". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim or in claim 1. The claim 1 does not teach the use of a dispersion media in the main dispersion step. Claim 1 only teaches the use of a dispersion media in the preliminary dispersion step. Claim 10 as written is missing the relationship between the paint and a substrate. It is assumed applicants meant the paint is applied to a substrate. This applying step is a method of using the paint and thus is not an aspect in the production of the paint itself. Thus claim 10 is improperly dependent on claim 1.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The process in the claims teach the dispersion media in the preliminary dispersion step have an average particle diameter $y(\text{mm})$ which satisfying the relationship $y \leq 0.01 x$, where x is average maximum diameter $x(\text{nm})$ of the magnetic powder. This is not taught by the originally filed disclosure or by the priority document and thus is new matter. The originally filed disclosure and the priority document teach the dispersion media in the main dispersion step have an average particle diameter $y(\text{mm})$ which satisfying the relationship $y \leq 0.01 x$, where x is average maximum diameter $x(\text{nm})$ of the magnetic powder and that the dispersion media in the

preliminary dispersion step can be 0.8 mm in diameter (page 13 and examples). Except for the teachings on page 13 and the examples, the originally filed disclosure and the priority document are silent as to the diameter of the dispersion media in the preliminary dispersion step.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, set forth in this Office action.

There is no teaching or suggestion in the cited art of record of manufacturing magnetic paint comprising subjecting a concentrated magnetic paint to a preliminary dispersion step in the presence of a dispersion step to obtain a dispersed concentrated magnetic paint, the concentrated paint comprises at least one binder, at least one solvent, a magnetic powder, a dispersion agent and an abrasive; adding at least one solvent to the concentrated paint to obtain a dispersed magnetic paint and subjecting the dispersed magnetic paint to a main dispersion step and subsequently filtering the resulting dispersed pint to obtain a magnetic paint, where the dispersion media in the main dispersion step have an average particle diameter y (mm) which satisfying the relationship $y \leq 0.01 x$, where x is average maximum diameter x (nm) of the magnetic powder.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melissa Koslow whose telephone number is (571) 272-1371. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jerry Lorengo, can be reached at (571) 272-1233.

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